

Arlington Open Space Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: April 23, 2015 (approved May 28, 2015) **Prepared by:** Elizabeth Karpati
Present: Teresa DeBenedictis, Ann LeRoy, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, David White.
Absent: Jane Auger, Michele Hassler.
Guest: David Fields, Planning Dept.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Park Maps: David Fields demonstrated the Town's ARCGIS software for showing maps and pictures of parks, which can be adapted for the Open Space and Recreation Plan and on the Town's website.

Open Space Plan: Most of the necessary letters of support have been received (except ARB) and the plan has been submitted to the state (in one volume, with fewer appendices than the last one). We hope to receive state approval before the end of Town Meeting. Ann will report on the plan to Town Meeting in any case.

Printing: Number of copies to be determined, probably only about 30-40 for the Library, some Town offices, etc. Joey will get estimates. Under current rules CDBG money cannot be used.

Possible future OSC projects: Joey's suggestions: At the May meeting review the Master Plan for projects for implementation; post QR codes on signs (codes that can be read by smart phones and linked to online maps); create a committee or coalition on "wayfinding" - some groups like ABAC are already interested. We could also pick an underutilized area like Window on the Mystic and promote it in various ways, e.g. adding signage and identifying or creating nearby parking spots. Bike racks would help in some places, with a map showing locations of racks available at bike shops.

Inventories: The Con Com is working on an inventory for water bodies including those too small to be listed in the Open Space Plan. The Master Plan calls for an inventory of historic places, whether included on the National Register or not. The Land Trust wants to identify all "unprotected" spaces. Ann has an old list (source uncertain) but such information could be misinterpreted or misused, so we have to consider how to proceed.

Membership: We need replacements for Patsy Kraemer and Lisa Decker, who represented Town Human Services Dept. and the ARB. There is no state requirement for having specific groups represented on an Open Space Committee or for a specific number of members. We could look to e.g. the Historical Commission, the Garden Club, or the new CPA Committee. Ann will consult with the Town Manager after Town Meeting ends.